

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Case number (if known) Chapter 7

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Prime Photonics LC

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names and doing business as names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 30-0026283

4. Debtor's address Principal place of business Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

1116 South Main Street
Suite 200
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Montgomery
County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.primephotonics.com

6. Type of debtor

☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))

☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)

☐ Other. Specify:

Debtor **Prime Photonics LC**
Name

Case number (if known)

7. Describe debtor's business**A. Check one:**

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- ☒ None of the above

B. Check all that apply

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
- ☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
- ☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

3345**8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?****Check one:**

- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 9
- ☐ Chapter 11. **Check all that apply:**

A debtor who is a "small business debtor" must check the first sub-box. A debtor as defined in § 1182(1) who elects to proceed under subchapter V of chapter 11 (whether or not the debtor is a "small business debtor") must check the second sub-box.

- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$3,024,725. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ The debtor is a debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1), its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$7,500,000, **and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.** If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return, or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.
- ☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- ☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- ☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12**9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?**

- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

Debtor **Prime Photonics LC** Case number (if known) _____
Name

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? ☒ No ☐ Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor Relationship
 District _____ When _____ Case number, if known _____

11. Why is the case filed in this district? *Check all that apply:*
- ☒ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☐ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention? ☒ No ☐ Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.
- Why does the property need immediate attention?** (*Check all that apply.*)
- ☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.
 What is the hazard? _____
- ☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
- ☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
- ☐ Other _____
- Where is the property?** _____
 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
- Is the property insured?**
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Insurance agency _____
 Contact name _____
 Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds *Check one:*
- ☐ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☒ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 | | |

15. Estimated Assets
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities
- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
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Debtor

Prime Photonics LC

Case number (if known)

Name

☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000

☒ \$100,001 - \$500,000

☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million

☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million

☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million

☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million

☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion

☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion

☐ More than \$50 billion

Debtor **Prime Photonics LC** Case number (if known) _____
Name

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature
of authorized
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 30, 2023
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ Su-Ling Chen
Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title Co-CEO, Operation Director

Su-Ling Chen
Printed name

18. Signature of attorney **X /s/ Robert S. Westermann**
Signature of attorney for debtor

Date **July 1, 2023**
MM / DD / YYYY

Robert S. Westermann 43294
Printed name

Hirschler Fleischer, P.C.
Firm name

2100 East Cary Street
Richmond, VA 23223
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone 804-771-9500 Email address rwestermann@hirschlerlaw.com

43294 VA
Bar number and State

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF PRIME PHOTONICS, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers (the “Board”) of Prime Photonics, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the “Company”), held a duly noticed meeting of the Board on June 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the best course for the Company is to wind-down its business operations and has properly considered all of its available options in this regard; and

WHEREAS, after considering all available options, the Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of all of its stakeholders and would maximize value and creditor recoveries for the Company to file a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia, it is duly:

RESOLVED, that the Company, with the assistance of its retained counsel, file on or about July 1, 2023 a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia (the “Case”).

RESOLVED, that Russel G. May, Etienne Samson, and Dan Ward, each a manager and member of the Board, and Su-Ling Chen, an officer of the Company (each such manager and officer being an “Authorized Person”) are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name of, and on behalf of the Company, to execute and verify petitions, schedules, and amendments thereto in the Case.

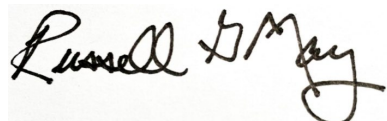
RESOLVED, that the law firm of Hirschler Fleischer PC is hereby engaged as attorneys for the Company under a general retainer in the Case, subject to any requisite bankruptcy court approval.

RESOLVED, that each Authorized Person, and any employees or agents (including counsel) designated or directed by an Authorized Person, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to execute and file all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings, and other papers, and to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds which he or she deems necessary, proper, or desirable in connection with the Case, with a view to the successful prosecution of such Case.

RESOLVED, that all acts lawfully done or actions lawfully taken or to be taken by any Authorized Person of the Company in connection with implementation of these resolutions are hereby in all respects ratified, confirmed, and approved.

[End]

Board Approval to adopt resolution



Russell G. May



Etienne Samson



Dan Ward

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Virginia**

In re **Prime Photonics LC**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter **7**

CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT (RULE 7007.1)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7007.1 and to enable the Judges to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for **Prime Photonics LC** in the above captioned action, certifies that the following is a (are) corporation(s), other than the debtor or a governmental unit, that directly or indirectly own(s) 10% or more of any class of the corporation's(s') equity interests, or states that there are no entities to report under FRBP 7007.1:

Halliburton Energy Services
10200 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston, TX 77072

May Associates, LLC
c/o Russell May, Phd
411 Dunton Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Virginia Tech Foundation
c/o Daniel A. Ward
902 Prices Fork Rd., Suite 2400
Blacksburg, VA 24061

☐ None [*Check if applicable*]

July 1, 2023

Date

/s/ Robert S. Westermann

Robert S. Westermann 43294

Signature of Attorney or Litigant
Counsel for **Prime Photonics LC**
Hirschler Fleischer, P.C.

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**United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Virginia**

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DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	25,000.00
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	25,000.00
Balance Due	\$	0.00

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. [Other provisions as needed]

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

July 1, 2023

Date

/s/ Robert S. Westermann

Robert S. Westermann 43294

Signature of Attorney

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Name of law firm